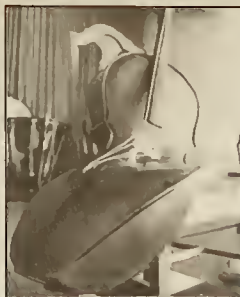


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Students help 'rock the vote'

by Nol Beckley
Managing Editor

Braving monsoon-like rains, several IPFW students worked for many hours during last week's Gravity Kills concert at the Three Rivers Festival Beer Tent to register people to vote in the upcoming presidential election.

According to Indiana-Purdue Students' Government Association (IPSGA) estimates, 50 new voters were registered Wednesday night. Diana Sir Louis, IPSGA senator and training and development coordinator for IPSGA, said voter registration will be held in Kettler Hall by the bur-

sar's office. The registration will start one week before classes and continue until 30 days before the election in November.

"I would have liked to have seen a better turnout... but I'm not disappointed," Sir Louis said. She said she thought the poor weather was probably the biggest factor in keeping people home.

The student volunteers were recognized by 96.3 "The Edge" for their professionalism, Sir Louis said. Sir Louis said she wanted to show her appreciation for Betty Butler, senatorial representative, and Sarah Strom, student orientation activities representative (SDAR). Both Strom and Butler were too young to be admitted to the tent and stayed outside in the rain recruiting

potential voters.

Sir Louis also said she wanted to show appreciation to David Fitch, David Burgess, and Doug Rheinheimer for their involvement.

IPSGA sponsored the voter drive along with "The Edge" and "Rock the Vote." "Rock the Vote" was created by several musical acts to educate and register the younger generation about the importance of voting. Historically, the 18 to 24 age group has had a dismal turnout. Last election, only 14,079 people in that age group voted, according to figures compiled by the Allen County Voter Registration Board.

Sir Louis also said she was working with Youthvote 96 and that group will be send-

ing literature to younger voters. This literature will list reasons younger people should vote, according to Sir Louis.

The turnout was less than expected according to IPSGA President George Gounaris. He cited the postponement of The Smashing Pumpkins/Garbage concert as another factor for the low turnout. The members of Garbage were scheduled to help register voters until the heroin overdose death by a supporting member of The Smashing Pumpkins and the arrest of the now-former Smashing Pumpkin drummer. The volunteers also dealt with enormous rainfall and a tornado watch on Wednesday night.

"If we registered one (person) it was

successful because one is better than none," Gounaris said.

Gounaris also said IPSGA was one of the few groups which did not back out of its commitment to help "The Edge."

IPSGA Senator Gina Burgess said many corporate entities decided not to sponsor some booths after the postponement of The Smashing Pumpkins concert. Burgess also said "The Edge" will be showcasing several bands in a campus concert on Sept. 27.

"I would like to thank all the volunteers, those able to work under the tent and those who were unable to because of their age," Burgess said.



Excitement at Three Rivers Festival Mud Volleyball. Here's mud in your eyes!!

Photo by Sara Valentine, Photo Editor

Houseman meets Clinton to promote local campaign

by Jeremy Eckenbarger
News Editor

Numerous people try balancing their family life with their careers, but few have dared to try maintaining a successful full-time occupation and run for congressional office. Yet, Jerry Houseman, professor of political science has taken the challenge. Through his hard work, the Fourth District Congressional Democratic candidate has made quite a name for himself.

The last week of June, Houseman's campaign led him to the White House. Along with several other congressional candidates, he was able to shake the hands of President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

"He was a very confident man, very confident about the upcoming elections," said Houseman, speaking of the president "He was a jolly man."

The purpose of the event was to allow candidates to receive some publicity to add to their campaigns. Video tapes were produced. Photos were taken, with the smiling face of the president on each piece of film.

According to Houseman, Gore greeted him at the door to the Oval Office and said, "I am expecting you to get revenge for my fellow Tennesseans," referring to a statement by Rep. Mark Souder about incest and molestation practices in Kentucky and Tennessee.

"He took more time with me than the other candidates," said Houseman. "He wanted to talk about Souder." Souder currently holds Houseman's desired seat.

The president also showed his sense of humor. Houseman said he congratulated him on having one of the "weakest and most vulnerable" opponents found anywhere in the nation.

Clinton has managed to lead Bob Dole, the Republican presidential candidate, in some recent polls taken in Indiana by Houseman. Although Houseman is less publicized than Souder, he has been moving up in the polls as well.

In addition, Houseman said a recent national Gallup poll revealed that the current Republican-controlled Congress is the most unpopular in history, with a 19 percent approval and a 71 percent disapproval rating.

Houseman's campaign is built upon three distinct views: higher education, employment opportunities and technology.

He is a strong supporter of higher education. He disapproves of anything that cuts back on the process of receiving a defined education. He refuses to support the cut back of educational funding. He strongly opposes such bills as lowering the spending on technology, the firing of teachers and cutting the lunch programs within an educational facility. Furthermore, he is working to organize better higher education loans.

Houseman also works in an effort to strengthen the job force. His plan is to continue trade with Japan, Mexico and other surrounding countries. He wants to set up a firm training program.

His third view concerns research and technology. He encourages businesses to continue to expand, upgrade technology and not to maintain things as they always have been.

"Corporations have neglected this in recent," said Houseman.

Houseman manages to separate his time as a professor and candidate. He taught classes during the Summer I session. For the rest of the summer however, he plans to promote his campaign.

Pepsi Cola, Aramark win five-year contracts

by Paul Tupper
Editor

Those who use caffeine to make it through the day can rejoice. Mountain Dew is back on campus and is here for a five-year stay.

Pepsi Cola products have won a five-year contract with IPFW for exclusive beverage rights. The contract took effect July 1 and will expire June 30, 2001.

According to Walter Branson, vice chancellor of financial affairs, the decision to switch to Pepsi from Coke was a financial decision.

"Pepsi put together a better package than Coke," said Branson. "They offered financial incentives."

Those incentives include on campus promotions and distribution of IPFW advertis-

ing in Northeast Indiana in cases of soda.

Dave Leeka, director of purchasing, describes the process that led to the administration to its decision. "When Coke was awarded a short-term contract, it was decided IPFW should allow each company equal opportunities. So each was sent a request for proposals."

Last semester when the Pepsi (specifically Mountain Dew) products were replaced with the Coke products many students complained their staple for survival was stripped away without properly surveying student opinions. However, Branson said the opposite was also the case.

"When we went to Coke we got a lot of thank-you calls from students and faculty who prefer Diet Coke to Diet Pepsi. So we are expecting a few calls of complaint from those who'll miss Diet Coke," said Branson.

George Gounaris, president of the student body, likes the return of Pepsi, but feels a more compromising solution could have been found. "As large as this campus is, why can't we house both? Why is an

exclusive contract needed?" asked Gounaris.

Also winning a five-year contract is Aramark, a food distribution company that will manage the cafeteria in Walb Memorial Union, operate the vending machines throughout campus and set-up a deli-style food car in the basement of Kettler Hall.

Branson believes Aramark will satisfy many students. "We got good reviews from Aramark and it has a strong presence in Fort Wayne," Branson said.

Erin Fridh, programming director of student activities, is also optimistic. "The food was excellent," said Fridh. "Aramark sounded like they wanted people to know they are here to serve the campus."

Many students complained about the quality and price of the food that was served at Eurest, the company that managed the Walb cafeteria for many years.

Pricing in the new cafeteria are expected to stay about the same as previous years, but more choices are being added, including Healthy Choice Brand products.



Photo courtesy of Jerry Houseman

Jerry Houseman poses with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.



by Jennifer Soss
Features Editor

From Eddie Murphy in 'Vampire in Brooklyn' to Gary Oldman in Bram Stoker's 'Dracula,' audiences around the world have come to their own conclusions about who Dracula really is. Novelists and playwrights alike have succeeded in making this popularly known character a menace to society.

Picture a 500-year-old burly old man with silver hair and mustache, looking and smiling like a corpse. Sound familiar? How about the increased need and desire to feed

upon innocent victims to increase the life span? Although this may be the Dracula of the movie scene, that is not what should be expected of the Purdue-Indiana Theatre's production of 'Dracula.'

The play is based upon the original script written in 1927 which became popular through Bela Ferenc Dezsó Blasko, professionally known as Bela Lugosi. It is a melodrama that brings a style to Dracula that may be unfamiliar to movie-goers: comedy.

Cast for the Purdue-Indiana Theatre production includes: Brian H. Wagner, Count Dracula;

Elizabeth Wagar, Lucy Seward; Scott Frey, Butterworth; Gary Lanier, R. M. Renfield; Michael Todd Harris, Abraham Van Helsing; John Hernes, Dr. Seward; James Gaskins, Jonathan Harker; Sarah Lankenau, Miss Wells.

Any theatre attendant will be astounded by the special effects that have been mastered by the Purdue-Indiana Theatre staff. Flying bats, secret entrances, sudden disappearances, trap doors and flaming crosses will catch any unsuspecting viewer as amazing. Music for the show has been underscored, containing old horror film music.

"Audiences will have a great deal of fun (at the show) because it is so campy," stated Larry L. Life, director of "Dracula." "It is a family show—and children will love it!"

PIT's "Dracula" will run July 26 and 27, August 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. Matinees will be held at 2 p.m. on July 28 and Aug. 4 and 11. Tickets are on sale now at the IPEW Williams Theatre box office or can be charged by phone through TicketMaster, 424-1811. Tickets are \$12, general admission; \$8 senior citizens and students; \$10 per person with groups of 10 or more.

Movie Review: 'I Shot Andy Warhol'

by Paul Tupper
Editor

I have always thought Andy Warhol was a boring person. My perception comes from various biographies of the late artist. The new film, "I Shot Andy Warhol" solidifies my perception.

But don't let my personal opinions of him sway you from seeing this movie, for it is far less than boring. Warhol still comes off as tedious, but the center of the movie is Valerie Solanis, an early-day lesbian feminist who wants to change the world by making men obsolete. A college graduate of psychology, she uses prostitution to feed herself and bounces from room to room for shelter.

She pens a manifesto called "SCUM" (Society for Cutting Up

Men), which she tries to push on every unsuspecting woman passing by her. A drag queen acquaintance, Candy Darling, introduces Valerie to Warhol's office, The Factory, where she soon stalks to get the chance to speak to him. When she finally meets Andy, she insists he produce a theater version of her writings.

Warhol, being an issue-skirter, never fulfills Valerie's dreams, but does make her a hit actress in one of his movies. (Have you ever seen an Andy Warhol movie? They're terrible! But one of those experiences you can brag about at cocktail parties.) She decides he is out to own her and her work, so she shoots him in his office.

Lili Taylor takes a scary character and makes her fascinating. As Valerie, she grits her voice in a

manner that makes the listener cringe, but still can't get enough of her dialogue. Her drive and willingness to play by the rules in order to break the rules makes you want her to succeed. She takes full advantage of the male sex drive and uses it to survive.

Another standout performance comes from Stephen Dorff, who plays Candy Darling as if he knew her. Dorff, who you may remember from "SFW," never looks like a straight man playing a drag queen, like Wesley Snipes or Patrick Swayze in "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar." Instead, he convincingly plays a man who adores the glamour of dressing like a woman. Not a small feat indeed.

The movie is factually based. Language, drugs and nudity are used as a backdrop to describe an era and a clique, giving a semblance of reality. The film doesn't last too long and doesn't come short on entertaining. The performances and script are first rate. Which is more than can be said about any of Andy Warhol's films.

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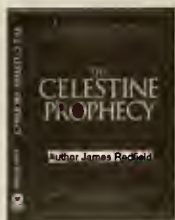
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Insight to the meaning of life

by Jennifer Sons
Features Editor



Is there reason and explanation for the day-to-day coincidences that occur in each and everyone's daily lives? There is not a single person that has at one point in time questioned what and why things happen to them as they do. "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why is this happening to me?" are two questions spoken millions of times a day. We battle with our thoughts, dreams and actions (and many other things) and attempt to make sense of it all.

James Redfield, author of "The Celestine Prophecy," just may have stumbled upon an answer to our puzzling questions. In his book, Redfield takes the reader through his journey of Peru and his discovery of a manuscript—full of insight into the here-and-now.

The reader is taken through the Andes Mountains as if they were indeed there themselves. Redfield's descriptions of ancient ruins and mountainside forests give a new and exciting beauty to what may appear to be less than glamorous at first sight.

While traveling the terrain, Redfield takes the reader through his discovery of a manuscript that has been abolished by the Peruvian Government. Within the first few pages, the beginning of this document unfolds "The First Insight." In each of our lives occur mysterious coincidences—sudden, synchronistic events that, once interpreted, lead us into our true destiny.

When this book was first published, few people had heard of the

disappearance, or even existence, of this ancient Peruvian manuscript. In it, the nine insights that the human race needs to grasp in order to perceive a true era of spiritual awareness, are explained—each insight leading into the next. This document has been suppressed by the government out of fear—a fear of the meaning of our existence and an interpretation of the term "common sense."

This book does not attempt to overturn science or religion. In fact, it supports a combination of the two. It explains the question "Why?" Why has our world progressed to where it is, through technology and spirit, and the unimaginable question, where are we going to now?

Once the reader finds and understands how the nine insights fit in the individual's life, a new and exciting perspective on the human life and all its surroundings will be gained. A positive approach to life and an intensified vision of beauty will give any reader reason to keep turning the pages of the book, "The Celestine Prophecy," and gain insight on the meaning of life.

Joining the Fort Wayne Philharmonic chorus

by Jennifer Sons
Features Editor



The Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus, directed by Thomas Remerschnieder, will hold auditions for new members on Tuesday, Aug. 13, Wednesday, Aug. 14 and on Thursday, Aug. 15, 1996, from 5-8:00 p.m. Auditions will consist of short warm-up vocalizes, a prepared piece that you feel introduces your voice well and sight-reading. An accompanist will be provided, no accompaniment tapes, please. Auditions will be held at the Philharmonic Center, 2340 Fairfield Avenue, in Fort Wayne. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 219-744-1700.

The chorus consists of approximately 90 singers of all backgrounds. A love for music and singing are the only requirements. Many concerts are performed each season and several of them are performed with the Philharmonic. Performances for the upcoming

season will include choruses from Verdi and Puccini operas, Janacek's "Glagolitic Mass," Mozart's "Mass in C Major" and Handel's "Messiah." The season will also include the annual Holiday Pops concert.

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Staff Editorial

Olympics haven for security

Every four years, the Olympic host country shows off its endless security measures. This year, Atlanta wins the gold medal of all gold medals in its fierce determination to quash any attempt at terrorism.

Never has any country put together a security "dream team" like the United States, Georgia and Atlanta.

Getting into an Olympic event is like getting through a security check at Ben-Gurion Airport in Israel.

Many of the segments about security aired by NBC have become more interesting than the events. Which should not be the case.

These athletes who have worked their entire lives to reach this destination should shine in the spotlight. The security issue would have been better handled silently.

Security issues are at all time high, thanks to the number of bombs making front page news. Is NBC trying to ease the minds of all concerned, or is it trying to scare would-be assassins? Either way, too much coverage is too much coverage.

Although to some the massive security measures may seem overdone, but if the security was looser, then the world may witness another tragedy like 1972 Munich Olympics.

In 1972, armed terrorists burst into the Olympic village and murdered the Israeli team. Most of this catastrophe was witnessed by the entire world over network television. Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir ordered the deaths of the men responsible for this attack and within two years all responsible were eliminated.

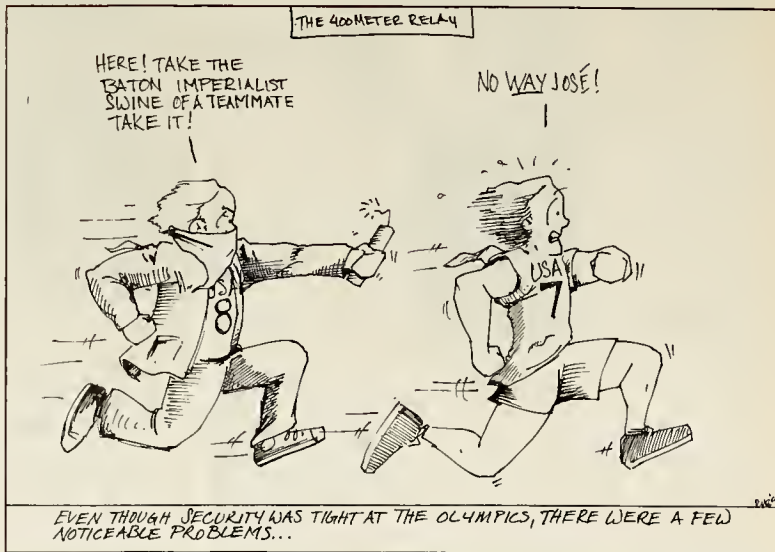
Every host country since Munich has outdone the previous host country in terms of security. This puts a lot of pressure on Australia where the 2000 summer games will be held.

The only other city in the world where security would probably be tighter would be in Jerusalem.

Foreign terrorism is not our only threat. The Oklahoma City bombing proved we are being attacked from within by anti-government gun freaks who may see Atlanta as an opportunity to make a political statement by murdering a high ranking government official and striking a blow for "militia" across the country.

Whatever the motivation may be, the Olympics should be a showcase for the finest athletes from around the world. Any violent act should be dealt with harshly to ensure the continuance of the games forever.

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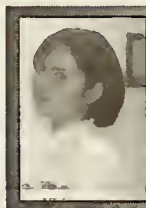


EVEN THOUGH SECURITY WAS TIGHT AT THE OLYMPICS, THERE WERE A FEW NOTICEABLE PROBLEMS...

-by Robert Squatrito - Arts Editor

Commentary

Health care needs reform



Amanda Manion

Shaking the Foundation

The four of us sit at our table in Gottlieb's, a bistro in Columbus, Ohio. My 75-year-old grandmother describes in great detail the developments of her latest surgery, a knee replacement. This visit will be like the others. Ruth will talk out of two main topics—her health problems, which dominate her life, and how much she misses my brother and me.

The illness is nothing new. For the past seven years, Ruth has been battling breast cancer. The family is accustomed to hearing stories of radiation, chemotherapy and Holy Communion brought everyday by

more uncomfortable. I love my grandmother dearly, but being with her makes mortality and the future all the more real.

During past seven years, since doctors discovered she has cancer, Ruth has generated over a million dollars in medical bills. Most of them her health care covers, leaving her with only 20 percent of each bill to pay on her own. The last bill, a four day stay in the hospital, was approximately \$14,000, not including the actual surgery and doctor's fees.

Ruth is much luckier than most people. In her late twenties, Ruth

worked for the state of Ohio, which provides her with life-long health benefits. Other people her age must rely merely upon meager help from Medicare.

Sadly, Medicare has recently begun to refuse to pay bills that the plan would have covered in the past. With a growing national debt, government officials say that our nation simply cannot afford to care for its elderly citizens.

Some professionals in the health care industry continue to care for the elderly in lieu of the highly probable chance that they will not receive payment for their services. They are faced with the decision to either avoid losing revenue or go

against their Hippocratic Oath and refuse to care for their patients.

It is a vicious cycle. With gains in the quality of health care offered, the cost increases to cover for new updated equipment. Health care improves and the population starts living longer. With age, they need more of the expensive care, which the government attempts to pay for. Thus the debt increases and the government begins to have more problems paying for improved health care.

Health care reform is of the utmost importance. Without reform, when our turn comes to receive government benefits, however meager, they may not exist.

The elderly cannot go without care. They supported this nation when they could and they deserve to be paid back.

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Paul Tupper
Gayly Forward

I read in a recent USA Today, which often publishes gay-positive articles, a story that basically said this was a bad time for gays. As much as I like USA Today (it's so pretty), I have to disagree.

I understand why the newspaper would say such a thing. The gay life is taking a heavy beating by those who don't support gay marriages. Even our friend President Clinton has seemed to turn his back on us. But if you look around, 1996 is a great year for gays.

Let's start locally and work our way out. Fort Wayne is slowly, but surely, opening its closet doors for its gay citizens. We currently have three-and-a-half gay bars. (Henry's

commitment to gay civil rights with IPFW's own United Sexualities, the reformation of FAIR, the Up-The-Stairs Community Center and Indiana Youth Group, just to name a few. If gay activism isn't your game, try gay volleyball or gay bowling. There really is more to do than watch screaming radicals going off on ministers on "Ricki Lake."

In the tri-state area, gays can choose from gay days at most amusement parks, art exhibits and theater productions, which feature gay talents, to the growing number of movies chronicling gay lives. If those movies aren't here, chances

are they are nearby.

Nationally, being gay is becoming more accepted. Although the nation as a whole doesn't seem to want gays to marry, most of the polls I've seen suggest America doesn't mind her gay patriots. Sure, we have representatives like Newt Gingrich and Sonny Bono who have gay family members but still refuse to support them, but that doesn't seem to be the typical American response.

And there are more and more activities, nationwide, that are gay friendly. Just off the top my head, there's Aspen Gay Ski Week, Gay Week at Club Med in Cancun and the gay pride festivals which

happen in most every major city (except Fort Wayne - we have to work on that). The world is for gays to clutch the pearl of the oyster.

This year was also the year we saw the first gay-positive judgment from the Supreme Court. I expect more of that to follow, especially when the high court is asked to decide on the House's recent decision to allow states to not recognize gay marriages by another state. It should only be a matter of time before that is ruled unconstitutional.

By all of this, I'm not saying we don't have ways to go, but isn't it nice to be here rather than back there?

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Gays moving forward

From the wire...



"Big Apple signs the 'Great One'..."

Wayne Gretzky, the National Hockey League's all-time leading scorer, will play for the New York Rangers next season. The Rangers inked a two-year contract with Gretzky worth a reported \$5-\$7 million per year.

The deal re-unites Gretzky with former Edmonton Oilers teammate, Mark Messier. Gretzky reportedly turned down a pair of three-year deals worth \$15-\$18 million before agreeing to terms with the Rangers.

Cycler becomes hero in Denmark after Tour win...

Bjarne Riis became the first citizen of Denmark to win the world's most prestigious bicycle race as he won the 83rd edition of the Tour de France. He held the yellow leader's jersey from the ninth of 21 stages to capture the win. His title ended Spaniard Miguel Indurain's five-year hold of the championship.

The race covered 2,382 miles and ended in Paris over the weekend.

NL bans Schott from stadium...

Following an inter-office memo that stated she would not simply disappear, Marge Schott has been banned from Riverfront Stadium until further notice.

National League president Leonard Coleman informed the club and Schott of the action last week amid concern that Schott was involving herself in day-to-day operations of the team. An earlier agreement between the league and Schott strictly forbids her involve-

ment in any team operations.

The action, which went into effect Monday, will not be canceled until Schott finds a replacement chief executive to run the team. She is banned from the former luxury suite and her usual front-row seat at Riverfront Stadium.

Polish official dies at Olympic games...

Eugeniusz Pietrasik collapsed and died during the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games Friday in Atlanta. The 49-year-old Polish diplomat had marched into the stadium with the Polish athletes. He suffered a heart attack during the lengthy ceremony. Paramedics treated him at the scene, but Pietrasik died en route to a local hospital.

Wildcats and Jayhawks headline pre-season tourney...

Defending national champion Kentucky and pre-season favorite Kansas head the list of college basketball teams set to compete in the DIRECTV Great Eight Basketball Festival, December 3-4 in Chicago. The tournament matches last year's NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament quarterfinalists in a two-day double header format.

Seven of last season's eight quarterfinalists are set to compete. Syracuse, which lost to Kentucky in the championship game, had to pull out due to prior scheduling conflicts. The Orangemen will be replaced by Purdue. The Boilermakers finished last season ranked fourth in the final Associated Press poll.

Olympian forced to forfeit following misunderstanding...

Defending Olympic heavy weight judo gold medalist Davis Khakhleshiuli of the former Soviet republic of Georgia lost the opportunity to defend his championship when he was forced to forfeit prior to competition.

Khakhleshiuli mistakenly showed up at the incorrect site for a prematch weigh-in on Sunday and failed to arrive at the proper locale in time to weigh-in. He complained he was delayed by security, but Olympic officials still forced him to forfeit.

Rhinos admirable in opener

by Jim Porter
Sports Editor

were treated to everything from free t-shirt giveaways, to a band that had set up just in front of the

to have a playlist of nothing but football related tunes. How the song "Lump" by The Presidents of the United States relates to football is questionable, but it is the song that was heard the loudest. There was also a pseudo-dance troupe called the "Rhinstones." Oh and yes there was a football game.

Although the final score, 24-14 in favor of the Racine Raiders, was less than favorable for players and fans alike, the team and its new fans should not be disappointed. The Raiders are defending league champions and have won that title four of the last six seasons. A valiant effort by the up-start Rhinos showed the River City what to expect this summer as a new semi-professional football team invades the Fort.

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bleachers. Apparently the band's name was Rhino and they claimed

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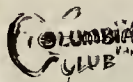
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"The sports page records man's accomplishments...
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- Author Unknown

Thursday, July 23, 1996

Golf proves less than boring



Jim
Porter

*Under
the
bleachers*

The game of golf has been said to be a good walk ruined. For those who subscribe to that theory it is obvious they have never nailed a sand wedge from the bunker on the 18th green. For others who have merely flipped past the weekly rounds on television, I offer the following reasons why golf is not the most boring programming on television.

1. There are no strikes or expired bargaining agreements in golf. No loud-mouthed youngsters try to crash the party and demand notoriety without having even stepped

foot on the course. Golf is a game that demands a player proves himself before commanding respect and there are no golfers threatening not to play if they don't get the money they think they deserve.

2. No mascots. Is there any more that needs to be said? Baseball, football, basketball and almost every other sporting event seems to have some sort of animated character running and leaping about detaching spectators' attention from the game. Golf has some how avoided all of that nonsense, thank fully.

3. Bellies. Either beer tumors or "Dunlop disease," stomach protrudences are common place whether on the professional circuit

or at the local links. The nice thing is that anyone who has one can still golf rather successfully and still be quite happy with his performance. Craig Stadler is probably the poster child for this group of duffers and an honorable one too.

4. Golf clothes. Sure they were gaudy and almost grotesque in the seventies and early eighties. Funny thing is now sporting goods companies have gotten involved and golfers are starting to promote the threads they wear for big bucks. They aren't cheap either. A decent golf outfit at your local pro shop could run you upwards of \$150 to \$200 easy. No longer are dad's old checker print pants and a butterfly collar shirt proper protocol.

5. There is no trash talking on the course. Oh maybe occasionally a couple of bidders out for the week-end might wager a few bucks on a round of golf or a particular hole, but you'll never hear Nick Faldo talking about Ernie Els mooma.

6. A respect for the rules. Golf is probably the only sport where there

is still an undying devotion to the game that was invented when Moses was a kid. At least it seems the game of golf is that old. You won't see anyone, except maybe Chevy Chase in "Caddy Shack" booting his ball toward the cup or talking above a whisper while his opponent puts.

So there you have it. There may be only six rules for why golf isn't the most boring sport on television. They are the most important six reasons to the argument. While there are inherent problems with the game of golf, it's too slow for one thing, at least it is more interesting than watching "Dream Team III" trample every team that stands in its path toward another gold medal.

Take it as you will. After all, the view from under the bleachers has always been somewhat like a beauty in the eye of the beholder. It's all an opinion. I thank everyone who has read the offerings in this space over the last 10 or 11 months. Like they say though, all good things must come to an end and well... That's all folks!

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Free agent frenzy infects NBA

by Jim Porter
Sports Editor

The almighty dollar has run amuck in the National Basketball Association. In a season of free agency like none before, players are gobbling up all of the dollar signs team owners can toss before them and then some. Nearly \$1 billion, yes that is Billion, has been spent by NBA teams on player contracts. There are hefty sums being doled out to big names such as Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal as well as non-name players such as Don MacLean.

After Jordan agreed to a one-year, \$25 million deal with the Bulls, the ink and money started flying. The Lakers lured "Shaq" to Hollywood with a seven-year, \$120 million deal. According to many insiders, the deal was done long before the announcement was reached despite obvious tampering on the part of Lakers front office guru Jerry West. Miami re-signed

Alonzo Mourning to a multi-year deal worth \$112 million.

The Heat showed they at least have a lot of cash lying around if nothing else. Along with the \$112 million spent on Mourning, the team signed Juwan Howard to a seven-year, \$98 million contract and threw \$36 million over seven years to P.J. Brown (who?). Three players for nearly \$250 million.

Other big money contracts include the \$56 million the Knick will pay Allan Houston over the next seven seasons. New York will also pay Chris Childs an estimated \$4 million in each of the next six years. In Orlando the Magic soothed the wounds of losing O'Neal by giving Horace Grant a 5-year, \$50 million deal.

Gary Payton will stay in Seattle after the Sonics agreed to pay him \$38 million over the next five years and Tracy Murray got a contract worth \$19 million for seven years. Philadelphia made a slight effort to improve their dismal ranking in the

league by signing Don MacLean (no not the "American Pie" guy) to a \$15 million five-year deal.

In Indiana, the Pacers solidified their squad by agreeing to terms with a pair of guys named Davis. Antonio Davis got a seven-year, \$38.5 million deal while Dale Davis signed for \$42 million over the next seven seasons.

The Rockets extended the contract of all-star Hakeem Olajuwon for five years and \$60 million. Houston also inked a deal with Brent Price for seven years and \$18 million. Just down the road in Dallas, the Mavericks agreed to terms with Chris Gaudin. He will make \$22 million during a five-year contract.

Possibly the biggest surprise however was the trade of Dikembe Mutombo to Atlanta. Mutombo will

make \$50 million over the next five years while playing for the Hawks.

Other big-name trades include Larry Johnson being unloaded to New York for Brad Lohaus and Anthony Mason. The Pacers also made a big trade by trading Ricky Pierce and Mark Jackson for Jalen Rose and Reggie Williams.

Yes, money talks and suckers walk in the NBA and team owners have shown they are not afraid to pass the bucks for the player or players they covet.

The Olympics online

The best way to stay on top of the competition

by Jim Porter
Sports Editor

For everyone with access to the world wide web, here's your chance to stay one step ahead of your friends where the Olympics are concerned. The web offers everything from in depth and complete listings of events to capulated results and a running medal count. Having wasted various amounts of time in search of the best in Olympic news from the net, the following homepage addresses are free to you.

Possibly the best place to find up-to-the-minute news and results of every event from archery to yachting comes from the Atlanta Olympic Committee itself. The AOC homepage can be found at <http://atlantaolympics.org>. With a searchable index of every athlete, there are 10,700 athletes competing in these summer games, to a detailed summary of each competition, the Official homepage of the XXVI Olympiad is by far the best on the web.

Also loaded with information is a locale designated as America's Sports Headquarters. Located at <http://www.sports-hq.com/sports/olympics.html>, the ASHQ is a net surfer's heaven full of information on Atlanta, news and chat groups concerning the Olympics, daily reports on results and a sizable index of other Olympics related homepages. This one is definitely worth a look.

At <http://www.mindspring.com/~7E7E90400/olympics/atlanta.html> you can find everything from a map of the city of Atlanta, to the homepages of just about every corporate sponsor involved with the games. Homepages for Coca-Cola, AT&T, IBM and Xerox are only a few of those listed. There is also a quick users guide to the Olympics and detailed summaries of the competition.

So the next time you are wondering whether or not the women's yachting team defeated Yugoslavia in the latest off shore event, simply log on at the nearest terminal and happy surfing.

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